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Spring 2016

Upcoming Events and Announcements

Club Meetings

Location: Sandy Senior Center
 9310 So. 1300 East, Sandy
 First and third Thursdays of each month @ 6:30 pm
 Club Website: www.utahphilatelic.org

Club Officers

President: Steve Baldrige
 Vice-President: John Alleman
 Secretary/Treasurer: Ed Blaney
 Board Members: George Cobabe, Judy Maxfield,
 Blaine Cox and Don Marr.
 Newsletter Editor: Ewald Kuefner

Upcoming Events

The next stamp show will be on February 6th & 7th, 2016. (Friday, at 10 - 6 pm, and Saturday, 10 - 4 pm) at the Sons of the Utah Pioneers building at 3361 East Louise Avenue (2920 South).



The President's Corner

Steve Baldrige

Boy, you turn your back for a second and all of a sudden it's early February, 2016. The newsletter is a little late, for which I apologize. Hopefully the world won't come to an end.

The club is in good shape – most of our 2014 members are returning, we have a consistent turn out of about 25 bodies at each club meeting, and our finances are doing well. We've picked up a few new members in the past 12 months, and we'd like to welcome them and hope that their membership is a rewarding experience. For those who haven't renewed their membership, we invite you to do so by paying your dues either in person or by mail. Dues have remained constant for several years and there are no plans to increase them.

As we do every year, we had an election in early December, this time for the general board. Of the four board members – George Cobabe, Blaine Cox, Don Marr and Judy Maxfield, Don and Blaine decided to run for another term, and Don was re-elected, along with Allen Anderson, Ed Howard and Linda Snyder. I would like to welcome those three new members to the board and look forward to working with you over the next two years. I extend a heartfelt "Thank You" to the departing board members for their years of service, and to returning member Don Marr, who has
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The President's Corner *continued*

held just about every elected office the club needs to operate.

There will be another election at this year's end for the executive committee. The three current members – myself, VP John Alleman and Secretary/ Treasurer Ed Blaney will have served two terms by then, and all of us are wide-open to the idea of having new blood in leadership roles.

I'd like you to seriously consider taking a run for one of these offices, to inject some fresh ideas in to how the Utah Philatelic Society is managed. We can take some pride in the fact that our club is over 60 years old, but it has only survived because of the efforts of a volunteer staff.

We also owe Thanks to others in the club who perform various functions, as appointed by the board: Show Chairman Dave Blackhurst (greatly assisted by the Lunchlady Judy Maxfield), Circuits Manager Michael Poe, Newsletter Editor Ewald Kuefner, Auctioneer Joe Ferguson, and Youth Corner Managers Virginia Lee and Sandi Locke.

So, I'm optimistic as we start a new year that the club is in good shape. I'd like to encourage your active participation in the club, and I hope it comes as rewarding for you as it has been for me.

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Franklin D. Roosevelt inspecting his Stamp Collection

The Franklin D. Roosevelt Stamp Collection

By George B. Sloane

Who examined & appraised it in 1945

I have done many appraisals over the years, but as can well be imagined, when I received a call within ten days after Pres. Roosevelt's death on April 12, 1945, engaging me in evaluating his collection, I entered upon what was to prove one of the most interesting experiences of my life.

Had anyone told me at the time of the President's passing that before the month ended I should be sitting in his Hyde Park home, where so much relating to modern history had transpired, I could only have regarded it as a fantastic deviation from reality. Nevertheless, in the swift course of events that nearly swept us all off our feet at that time, I found myself in the interesting position of examining his collection with his own magnifying glass, and of being the first person beside the late President himself ever to have seen his entire collection.

The president had left no instructions in his will nor made any provision for the disposition of his philatelic effects, and the collection automatically became a part of his estate.

Appointments were made and I went up to Hyde Park on Monday, April 30th, spending two days and into the night to complete the job. I had been told that the collection would comprise about twenty books or so. I was not entirely prepared what ultimately followed, and was astounded when I finally perceived the vastness of this collection it is a valuable collection of stamps. I appraised it at \$80,000. It contains no spectacular or famed rarities, contrary to past rumors. The President had a hand in almost all of the stamps issued during his administration, and it is generally understood that he drafted numerous rough pencil sketches for the design. It has often been reported that these sketches, and many other original stamp drawing, were mounted in his collection.

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I am certain that I was the first person, aside from the President himself, who had ever seen his entire collection, and I doubt that even Mr. Roosevelt realized the size of the collection a collection which had first been started by his mother, Sara Delano Roosevelt. It was recently stated in The New York Times that the executors were currently determining just which of the items, in the "Presentation" groups were to be considered as units in Mr. Roosevelt's personal collection and which might properly be construed to be the property of the nation, as the final recipient of gifts from foreign governments in his collection.

The ancestral residence of the Roosevelts at Hyde Park is a sprawling manor house of something like forty rooms or more, the exterior constructed largely of stone, and typical of many such homes along the Hudson River. The estate is a tract of about 100 acres in the storied region renowned in the fabulous tales of Washington Irving. In the early spring the winding river and the surrounding countryside contrasted in a striking picture, the rolling hills studded with trees and greenery in a scenic paradise.

The estate was constantly guarded by a military detail with sentries patrolling the grounds 24 hours around the clock. I would imagine that no unauthorized person could have gained access to any point on these grounds, or to have approach anywhere near the house without detection and immediate arrest. Coming off the main highway we turned into a driveway marked on each side by a brick pedestal. We followed this private road up to the front entrance of the Roosevelt residence, where as we drove up we were closely scrutinized again by the guards.

As it was necessary to make several trips back and forth for meals, it was somewhat startling when returning after dark to be greeted by a Great Dane, suddenly come barking and bounding.

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The Franklin D. Roosevelt Stamp Collection continued...

The general disorder was indescribable.

Having threaded my way through the foyer and hall, I was ushered into a very spacious room which had been the President's library and here, again, with barrels, ship model, and stacks of books, there was little space to move except for a few aisles that had been devised by [moving] something else out of the way. The windows opened onto an outdoor terrace, with a pleasant view of the Hudson.

I then sat down, and optimistically called for the stamps. "The stamps? Oh, we'll have to start finding them." Robert, the butler and houseman, remembered seeing stamp albums stuffed in some of the barrels. We went to work. Albums were stacked in these barrels one on top of the other, without wrapping until there was no more room. The material from the White House had been packed, largely, in this fashion and the shipment had been moved in Army trucks, and an armed convoy proceeded to Dutchess County.

I worked diligently hour after hour, but every time I leaned back to coast a bit in the feeling that at last I was making deep inroads into the job, someone would enter to announce that more stamps had just been found.

As I worked, the President, with a genial expression on his face that seemed to ask, "What do you think of my stamps?" stared at me from a large framed life-size oil painting, which was standing on the floor and facing me across the desk.

The Presidential collection shows evidence of prodigious time and labor in its mounting and arrangement. Mr. Roosevelt did all of the labor in its mounting and arrangement. Mr. Roosevelt did all of the work himself, and I might remark (as a free plug for Scott Publications), that he seems to have shown a preference for the "Luxor" hinge. These volumes were numerous.

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The Franklin D. Roosevelt Stamp Collection continued...

In addition to other albums in numerous odd styles, types and sizes, and more stamps that oozed out and tumbled all over when opened, like the contents of Fibber McGee's closet.

There were special presentation albums, books, and folders in a wide assortment of bindings, the gifts of foreign governments and friends around the world who had noted his keen interest in stamp collecting.

He was a most rabid collector and loved his stamps so well that seemingly he never could get enough of them. His collection reflected this.

He literally played with his stamps, and seldom traveled anywhere without taking along some of his albums, even aboard ship and plane when he journeyed to his momentous war-time conferences in foreign countries. It may well be emphasized that to Franklin Delano Roosevelt his stamp collection was, beyond all dispute his principal means of relaxation, and though he dabbled in other hobbies, stamp collecting was the one hobby invariably turned to first and last.

He worked with his stamps at Warm Springs, Georgia, on the very morning of the last day of his life. In in a deep wire wicker basket, the contents were of a most miscellaneous character, just as the president had left it. I checked through it and found a small pocket stock book of Roumania, the late 20th Century issues, mint, also a lot of the late issues of Norway. There was a booklet containing quite a selection of the Japanese issues used in the occupation of the Philippines. It was apparently, an accumulation of all kinds of material – mixtures of duplicates which he had been sorting over, some in an envelope on which he had written, "To give away." Many handstamps, and in addition, struck in green with the famed double-circle

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The Franklin D. Roosevelt Stamp Collection continued...

Pony Express handstamp. Then drop a tear in this slot as I explain that this cover must have been torn in half by the recipient, and someone later, perhaps the President, made an effort to rejoin the two pieces.

Another nice piece, seemingly garnered somewhere in the family, and which I turned up, mixed in with a mass of cheap material is one of the finest covers I have ever seen among the U.S. Locals. This was a splendid copy of the 1c green. Cook's Dispatch stamp, tied to the cover with a straight – line red hand stamp. "I. Cook" (Isaac Cook) and at the opposite corner of the cover, a small advertising sticker of the post, beautifully tied (by a postal clerk's error with a "Baltimore, Md." Handstamp in black. I think, of all the material I saw in this collection, this was the one thing) I would have liked to own myself.}

There are many interesting items throughout his collection of United States stamps, but of the greatest value and importance are his collections of die proofs. To these may be added practically



everything that follows up to 1933, the innumerable commemoratives, from the Pilgrims, Harding and the Huguenots. ###